

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER****After Final Rejection**Application No.  
09/929,888Filing Date  
August 15, 2001Examiner  
A. BaturayGroup Art Unit  
2155

Applicant(s): Takehiko Nakano and Shinichi Kawano

Docket No.  
SONYJP 3.0-199Invention: METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING AN INFORMATION  
PROCESSING APPARATUS CONNECTED OVER A NETWORK TO A PLURALITY OF  
CONTROL DEVICES**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED  |   |   |                                   |          |      |
|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|----------|------|
|  | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment | Highest<br>Number<br>Previously<br>Paid | Number<br>Extra Claims<br>Present | Rate     |      |
| Total Claims   | 19  | - 20 =                                  | 0                                 | x 50.00  | 0.00 |
| Independent<br>Claims  | 3   | - 3 =                                   | 0                                 | x 200.00 | 0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> |   |   |                                   |          |      |
| Other fee (please specify):  |   |   |                                   |          |      |
| <b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b>                          |   |   |                                   |          | 0.00 |

☒ Large Entity☐ Small Entity☒ No additional fee is required for this amendment.☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 12-1095  
as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.☒ Credit any overpayment.☒ Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.Dated: December 18, 2006Lawrence E. Russ  
Attorney Reg. No. 35,342LERNER, DAVID, LITTENBERG, KRUMHOLZ & MENTLIK, LLP  
600 South Avenue West  
Westfield, New Jersey 07090  
(908) 518-6309

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Dated: December 18, 2006

Signature

(Lawrence E. Russ)



I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: MS AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Dated: December 18, 2006 Signature: *Lawrence E. Russ*

(Lawrence E. Russ)

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Group Art Unit: 2155

Docket No.: SONYJP 3.0-199

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of: :  
:   
Nakano et al. :   
:   
Application No.: 09/929,888 : Group Art Unit: 2155  
:   
:   
Filed: August 15, 2001 : Examiner: A. Baturay  
:   
:   
For: METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM :   
FOR CONTROLLING AN INFORMATION :   
PROCESSING APPARATUS CONNECTED :   
OVER A NETWORK TO A PLURALITY OF :   
CONTROL DEVICES :

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

MS AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Supplemental to the Amendment dated November 9, 2006 and in response to the Advisory Action dated December 5, 2006 and the Office Action dated September 22, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-19, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: